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The new Wayne Memorial High School Athletic Hall of Fame will be officially dedicated next month during a public ceremony later this month.

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For the ninth year, Mayor William R. Wild is reaching out to Westland businesses to partner in his youth works program finding jobs for teens in the city.

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New Plymouth plant promises 441 jobs

The secret developer in Plymouth Township has now been identified as Webasto Roof Systems Inc., a German automotive supplier with major contracts from Ford Motor Co. and Fiat Chrysler US.

The company manufactures automotive roof systems and will reportedly invest $47.9 million in a new manufacturing plant on Haggerty Road near Schoolcraft in the township and create 441 new jobs in the area.

Members of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees established an Industrial Development District (IDD) for three parcels of land and were expected to approve a property tax abatement for the project.

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The Michigan Economic Development Corp. approved a $2.7 million performance based grant to the company. Webasto is projecting to double its revenue in the next two to three years, according to documents provided to the Michigan Economic Development Corp.

Webasto operates its U.S. headquarters out of Rochester Hills and subsidiaries Webasto Convertibles USA Inc. and Webasto Thermo & Comfort North America Inc. in Plymouth Township and Fenton, respectively. The company employs more than 800 in the state.

Webasto Roof Systems parent Webasto SE is the 61st largest global auto supplier with $3.9 billion in sales in 2017, according to Automotive News' Top Suppliers report.

"We're very happy about this project," Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise said. "It's going to create new jobs and improve our tax base. We're hoping it will kickstart a part of our township that has been underutilized in recent years and spur more development in the Schoolcraft and Haggerty Road area."

Indiana and Ohio also offered incentive packages, but Webasto chose Michigan based on criteria of customer and supply chain locations, labor force, facility availability, logistics cost and overall business environment, officials said. Plymouth Township also offered the expected property tax abatement.

Webasto has more than 800 employees at other locations in Michigan, including in Fenton, Plymouth Township and Rochester Hills.

Prologue

Northville welcomes new library director

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Laura Mancini

As director of the Northville District Library, Laura Mancini sees libraries as bastions of learning and equal opportunity.

"The library's the one place you can go to get everything you need. And it's available to everyone," said Mancini, a Troy native who took over from Anne Mannisto, interim director, in mid-January.

"It is the great equalizer. You can walk into a library and have the same access to information as everyone else," she said.

She was most recently the Oakland County director of Library Services, holding that role from 2003 to the end of 2018.

She earned a master of library and information science degree and a bachelor of arts degree in history, both from Wayne State University.

"I've always been very interested in the process of research," said Mancini. "You can't do research without the library. Everyone has access to information, and free information. They can come here and look at whatever they want. That's been a cornerstone of American democracy."

She tips her hat to Mannisto and predecessor Julie Herrin Laliberte, library director: "They passed the baton to me. I was fortunate to come to a library that was in great shape," said Mancini.

She chuckles when asked if she's related to musical composer Henry Mancini, noting, "I refer to him as Uncle Hank."

She sees a generational shift with that reference, with younger people replying, "Who?"

Maintenance issues are a challenge in the 23-year-old library structure. She and colleagues are striving to maintain access and use with minimal disruption.

"A lot of it is scheduling and prioritizing what needs to be done," Mancini said.

The staff adapts, she added, with the goal of serving customers as effectively as possible.

"I worked for county government so it was a different dynamic. I'm loving it here in Northville," she said. "It's really a fantastic place to be."

She credits the staff, patrons and board of trustees.

She's heard for years the statement of the printed book disappearing. Mancini compares that to the stove staying when the microwave came along, as well as the radio staying with the advent of television.

"Information is not dependent solely on format. Personally, I love to read books. You also have all the online research," says Mancini.

As a librarian, she and colleagues celebrate and embrace the computer as well as internet use and tablets. She and fellow librarians recognize there's unequal access to resources which libraries help to address.

"If you know how to read, there isn't anything you can't learn. The sky's the limit," she said.

Her parents were "blue collar, immigrant class" and not heavily intellectual, she notes, but emphasized reading for their children.

Mancini's joining the Northville Rotary Club. She's recently been to events of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, Northville Novi American Association of University Women and others.

"I'm so interested in getting to know the community because it is their library. It's so critically important as we move forward. I want it to be a continuous conversation" with residents of both city and township, she added.

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'Review' of Sumpter treasurer's office OK'd

Members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved an independent review of the treasurer's office during their regular meeting last week.

Concerns about procedures and performance in the office of the treasurer were brought to members of the board of trustees and Supervisor John W. Morgan by outgoing Finance Director Scott Holtz. Holtz claimed he discovered irregularities of county tax transfer procedures which will result in interest costs to the township. Morgan said that the township treasurer's office had collected tax revenue but failed to promptly disburse the funds to Wayne County within the mandated two-week prescribed time. He said the township has already incurred an $16,400 interest fee for late disbursement with another payment due soon if the funds are not sent to the county.

> *The finance director told me that this is now such a mess of misapplied and commingled funds that he doubts even the auditors will be able to straighten it out,*

Township Treasurer Kenneth Bednark denies the allegations and says they are "all fabrications."

"There are no penalties. This is bad information. These are all fabrications. There is no documentation of these numbers," Bednark said. "I have not seen a piece of paper that says we owe this money. You have to understand this is a politically heated environment."

Morgan, who served as the township treasurer for nearly 20 years before becoming supervisor, said while Bednark may not have seen "a piece of paper" the procedures are very clear.

"The rules are very clear from the county. That is a fact," Morgan said. He said he has serious concerns about the reported failure of Bednark's office to follow correct procedures.

Morgan said the "review" would be performed by the township auditing firm, Post, Smythe, Lutz and Zeal, although he said he did not have a date for the audit.

He noted that it is not only Wayne County that has not received the collected tax revenue but the local schools and several other taxing entities. He added that Bednark has been less than cooperative with Holtz, whose job included the monitoring of all financial transactions.

The township is required by law to keep the tax money in a separate bank account and then remit the collected tax to the county and other taxing entities in the prescribed time. If the funds are not remitted, the county charges the taxing entity, in this case the township, a 1-percent interest fee each month due

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

HISTORIC DISTRICT ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 1016
AMENDMENT #23

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE PLYMOUTH HISTORIC DISTRICT ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR TITLE, SCOPE, PURPOSE AND INTENT; TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHING, MODIFYING, OR ELIMINATING HISTORIC DISTRICTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE FOR COMMISSION MEETINGS, RECORDKEEPING, AND PROCEDURE; TO PROVIDE FOR HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE AND STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT; TO PROVIDE FOR PROCEDURE FOR CREATION OF HISTORIC DISTRICTS; TO PROVIDE FOR PERMIT APPLICATIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR ORDINARY MAINTENANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR REVIEW BY THE COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE FOR APPEAL OF COMMISSION DECISION; TO PROVIDE FOR REMEDIES FOR WORK WITHOUT A PERMIT; TO PROVIDE FOR PROTECTION FROM DEMOLITION BY NEGLECT; TO PROVIDE FOR EMERGENCY MORATORIUM; TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; TO PROVIDE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS OR GRANTS; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Ordinance No. 1016, Amendment #23, the Historic District Ordinance, is hereby adopted to read as follows

SECTION I: HISTORIC DISTRICT ORDINANCE

1.1. Title

This Ordinance shall be known as the "**Historic District Ordinance of the Charter Township of Plymouth".**

1.2. Scope, purpose and intent.

The purpose of this ordinance is to foster the preservation of historic structures and places within the Charter Township of Plymouth by enabling owners to voluntarily seek the creation of historic districts for their properties under applicable laws of the State of Michigan. The purpose is also to safeguard property rights by requiring approval of a proposed historic district from each of the property owners within the proposed historic district.

Historic preservation is hereby declared to be a public purpose and the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth may hereby regulate, in compliance with this ordinance the construction, addition, alteration, repair, moving, excavation, and demolition of resources in historic districts within the Township limits. The intent of this ordinance is to:

Safeguard the heritage of the Charter Township of Plymouth by preserving districts which reflect elements of its history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, or culture.

Stabilize and improve property values in each district and the surrounding areas.

Foster civic beauty.

Strengthen the local economy.

Promote the use of historic districts for the education, pleasure, and welfare of the citizens of the Charter Township of Plymouth and of the State of Michigan.

The Board of Trustees may by ordinance establish one or more historic districts. All historic districts shall be administered by the Historic District Commission pursuant to this Ordinance.

1.3. Definitions.

1. **"Alteration"** means work that changes the detail of a resource but does not change its basic size or shape.

2. **"Certificate of Appropriateness"** means the written approval of a permit application for work that is appropriate and does not adversely affect a resource.

3. **"Commission"** means the Historic District Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth.

4. **"Committee"** means the Commission acting as a historic district study committee under this Ordinance.

5. **"Demolition"** means the razing or destruction, whether entirely or in part, of a resource and includes, but is not limited to, demolition by neglect.

6. **"Demolition by Neglect"** means neglect in maintaining, repairing, or securing a resource that results in deterioration of an exterior feature of the resource or the loss of structural integrity of the resource.

7. **"Denial"** means the written rejection of a permit application for work that is inappropriate and that adversely affects a resource.

8. **"Fire Alarm System"** means a system designed to detect and annunciate the presence of fire or by-products of fire. Fire alarm system includes smoke alarms.

9. **"Historic District"** means an area, or group of areas, not necessarily having contiguous boundaries, that contains one resource or a group of resources that are related by history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, or culture.

10. **"Historic Preservation"** means the identification, evaluation, establishment, and protection of resources significant in history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, or culture.

11. **"Historic Resource"** means a publicly or privately owned building, structure, site, object, feature or open space that is significant in the history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, or culture of the Charter Township of Plymouth, State of Michigan, or the United States.

12. **"Notice to Proceed"** means the written permission to issue a permit for work that is inappropriate and that adversely affects a resource, pursuant to a finding under MCL 399.205(6).

13. **"Open Space"** means undeveloped land, a naturally landscaped area, or a formal or man-made landscaped area that provides a connective link or buffer between other resources.

14. **"Ordinary Maintenance"** means keeping a resource unimpaired and in good condition through ongoing minor intervention, undertaken from time to time, in its exterior condition. Ordinary maintenance does not change the external appearance of the resource except through the elimination of the usual and expected effects of weathering. Ordinary maintenance does not constitute work for the purposes of this Ordinance.

15. **"Proposed Historic District"** means an area, or group of areas not necessarily having contiguous boundaries, that has delineated boundaries and that is under review by the Historic District Study Committee for the purpose of making a recommendation as to whether it should be established as a historic district or added to an established historic district.

16. **"Repair"** means to restore a decayed or damaged resource to good or sound condition by any process. A repair that changes the external appearance of a resource constitutes work for the purposes of this Ordinance.

17. **"Resource"** means one or more publicly or privately owned historic or non-historic buildings, structures, sites, objects, features, or open spaces located within a historic district.

18. **"Smoke Alarm"** means a single-station or multiple-station alarm responsive to smoke and not connected to a system. As used in this subdivision, "single-station alarm" means an assembly incorporating a detector, the control equipment, and the alarm sounding device into a single unit, operated from a power supply either in the unit or obtained at the point of installation. "Multiple-station alarm" means 2 or more single-station alarms that are capable of interconnection such that actuation of 1 alarm causes all integrated separate audible alarms to operate.

19. **"Work"** means construction, addition, alteration, repair, moving, excavation, or demolition.

1.4. Establishing, Modifying, or Eliminating Historic Districts.

1. The Board of Trustees may at any time, upon recommendation of the Commission, establish by ordinance a historic district, including a proposed district previously considered and rejected, may modify boundaries of an existing historic district, or may eliminate an existing historic district. Before establishing, modifying, or eliminating a historic district, the Commission shall act as a historic district study committee and shall follow the procedures as provided in this Ordinance.

2. In considering elimination of a historic district, the Commission shall follow the procedures set forth in Section 399.203(1)-(3) of Public Act 169 of 1970, as amended, for the issuance of a preliminary report, holding a public hearing, and issuing a final report but with the intent of showing one or more of the following:

a. The historic district has lost those physical characteristics that enabled the establishment of the district.

b. The historic district was not significant in the way previously defined.

c. The historic district was established pursuant to defective procedures.

1.5. Historic District Commission.

The Historic District Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth is hereby established. Each member of the Commission shall reside within the Township limits. The Commission shall consist of seven (7) members. Each member shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees. A majority of the members shall have a clearly demonstrated interest in or knowledge of historic preservation. Initial members shall be appointed within 6 months after the ordinance establishing the commission is enacted. Members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, except the initial appointments of three (3) members for a term of two (2) years and two (2) members for a term of one year. Subsequent appointments shall be for three-year terms. Members shall be eligible for reappointment. In the event of a vacancy on the Commission, interim appointments shall be made by the Board of Trustees within sixty (60) calendar days to complete the unexpired term of such position. Two (2) members shall be appointed from a list submitted by duly organized local historic preservation organizations. If such a person is available for appointment, one member shall be an architect who has two years of architectural experience or who is duly registered in the State of Michigan.

The Board of Trustees may by resolution prescribe powers and duties of the Commission, in addition to but not in violation of those prescribed in this Ordinance, that foster historic preservation activities, projects, and programs in the Charter Township of Plymouth. The Board of Trustees may provide procedures for terminating an appointment due to the acts or omissions of the member.

1.6. Commission Meetings, Recordkeeping, and Procedure.

1. The Commission shall meet at least quarterly, if there is business to be considered, or more frequently at the call of the chairman of the Commission.

2. The business that the Commission may perform shall be conducted at a public meeting held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended. Public notice of the date, time, and place of the meeting shall be given in the manner required by Public Act 267. A meeting agenda shall be part of the notice and shall include a listing of each permit application to be reviewed or considered by the Commission.

3. The Commission shall keep a record of its proceedings and actions. A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the Commission in the performance of an official function shall be made available to the public in compliance with the Freedom of Information, Public Act 442 of 1976, as amended.

4. The commission shall adopt design review standards and guidelines to carry out its duties under this act.

1.7. Historic District Study Committee and the Study Committee Report.

The Commission shall act as the Historic District Study Committee for purposes of this Ordinance and the laws of the State of Michigan. The Study Committee shall do all of the following:

1. Conduct a photographic inventory of resources within each proposed historic district following procedures established by the State Historic Preservation Office of the Michigan Historical Center.

2. Conduct basic research of each proposed historic district and historic resources located within that district.

3. Determine the total number of historic and non-historic resources within a proposed historic district and the percentage of historic resources of that total. In evaluating the significance of historic resources, the Committee shall be guided by the selection criteria for evaluation issued by the United States Secretary of the Interior for inclusion of resources in the National Register of Historic Places, as set forth in 36 CFR part 60, and criteria established or approved by the State Historic Preservation Office.

4. Prepare a preliminary Historic District Study Committee report that addresses at a minimum all of the following:

The charge of the Committee.

The composition of Committee membership.

The historic district(s) studied.

The boundaries of each proposed historic district in writing and on maps.

The history of each proposed historic district.

The significance of each district as a whole, as well as a sufficient number of its individual resources to fully represent the variety of resources found within the district, relative to the evaluation criteria.

5. The Committee shall transmit copies of the preliminary report for review and recommendations to the Planning Commission, the State Historic Preservation Office, the Michigan Historical Commission, and the State Historic Preservation Review Board.

6. The Committee shall make copies of the preliminary report available to the public pursuant to MCL 399.203(4).

7. Not less than sixty (60) calendar days after the transmittal of the preliminary report, the Committee shall hold a public hearing in compliance with Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended. Public notice of the time, date and place of the hearing shall be given in the manner required by Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended. Written notice shall be mailed by first class mail not less than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the hearing to the owners of properties within the proposed historic district, as listed on the most current tax rolls. The report shall be made available to the public in compliance with the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, Public Act 442 of 1976, as amended.

8. After the date of the public hearing, the Committee and the Board of Trustees shall have not more than one year, unless otherwise authorized by the Board of Trustees, to take the following actions:

The Committee shall prepare and submit a final report with its recommendations and the recommendations, if any, to the Planning Commission, the State Historic Preservation Office, the Michigan Historical Commission, the State Historic Preservation Review Board, and the Board of Trustees as to the establishment of a historic district. If the recommendation is to establish a historic district, the final report shall include a draft of the proposed ordinance.

After receiving a final report that recommends the establishment of a historic district, the Board of Trustees, at its discretion, may introduce and approve or reject an ordinance. If the Board of Trustees approves an ordinance establishing one or more historic districts, the Clerk of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall file a copy of the ordinance, including a legal description of the property or properties located within each historic district, with the Register of Deeds. The Board of Trustees shall not pass an ordinance establishing a contiguous historic district less than 60 days after a majority of the property owners within the proposed historic district, as listed on the tax rolls of the local unit, have approved the establishment of the historic district pursuant to a written petition.

1.8. Procedure for Creation of Historic Districts.

The procedure for the creation of a historic district in the Charter Township of Plymouth shall be only as follows. The owner, or owners, of a property, structure, or place shall submit a written application to the building department of the Charter Township of Plymouth for creation of a historic district. The application shall be forwarded to the Committee within two business days of its submission. The Committee shall, within ninety (90) days, meet to consider the application. In considering the application, the Committee shall follow the procedures set forth in Section 1.7.

1.9. Permit Applications.

1. A permit shall be obtained before any work affecting the exterior appearance of a resource is performed within a historic district. The person, individual, partnership, firm, corporation, organization, institution, or agency of government proposing to do that work shall file an application for a permit with the building department of the Charter Township of Plymouth.

2. Upon receipt of a complete application, the building department shall immediately refer the application, along with all required supporting materials that make the application complete, to the Commission.

3. A permit shall not be issued and proposed work shall not proceed until the Commission has acted on the application by issuing a Certificate of Appropriateness or a Notice to Proceed as prescribed in this Ordinance. The Commission shall not issue a certificate of appropriateness unless the applicant certifies in the application that the property where work will be undertaken has, or will have before the proposed project completion date, a fire alarm system or a smoke alarm complying with the requirements of the Stille-DeRossett-Hale single state construction code act, 1972 PA 230, MCL 125.1501 to 125.1531.

4. The Commission shall file Certificates of Appropriateness, Notices to Proceed, and Denials of applications for permits with the building department. A permit shall not be issued until the Commission has acted as prescribed by this Ordinance.

5. If an application is for work that will adversely affect the exterior of a resource, and the Commission determines that the alteration or loss of that resource will adversely affect the public interest of the Charter Township of Plymouth, the State of Michigan, or the nation, the Commission shall attempt to establish with the owner of the resource an economically feasible plan for the preservation of the resource.

6. The failure of the Commission to act on an application within sixty (60) calendar days after the date a complete application is filed, unless an extension is agreed upon in writing by the applicant and the Commission shall be considered to constitute approval.

7. The Commission may charge a reasonable fee to process a permit application.

8. If a permit application is denied, the decision shall be binding on the building department and the Charter Township of Plymouth. A Denial shall be accompanied by a written explanation by the Commission of the reasons for denial and, if appropriate, a notice that an application may be re-submitted for Commission review when the suggested changes have been made. The Denial shall also include the notification of the applicant's right to appeal to the State Historic Preservation Review Board and thereafter, to the circuit court.

9. Work within a historic district shall be permitted through the issuance of a Notice to Proceed by the Commission if any of the following conditions prevail and if the proposed work can be demonstrated by a finding of the Commission to be necessary to substantially improve or correct any of the following conditions:

The resource constitutes a hazard to the safety of the public or to the structure's occupants.

The resource is a deterrent to a major improvement program that will be of substantial benefit to the community and the applicant proposing the work has obtained all necessary planning and zoning approvals, financing, and environmental clearances.

Retaining the resource will cause undue financial hardship to the owner when a governmental action, an act of God, or other events beyond the owner's control created the hardship, and all feasible alternatives to eliminate the financial hardship, which may include offering the resource for sale at its fair market value or moving the resource to a vacant site within the historic district, have been attempted and exhausted by the owner.

Retaining the resource is not in the interest of the majority of the community.

1.10. Ordinary Maintenance.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prevent ordinary maintenance or repair of a resource within a historic district or to prevent work on any resource under a permit issued by the building department or other duly delegated authority before the Ordinance was enacted.

1.11. Review by the Commission.

The Commission shall review and act upon only exterior features of a resource and shall not review and act upon interior arrangements unless specifically requested to do so by the owner of the resource or unless interior work will cause visible change to the exterior of the resource.

The Commission shall not disapprove an application due to considerations not prescribed in MCL 399.205(3).

In reviewing plans, the Commission shall follow the U.S. Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and guidelines for rehabilitating historic buildings as set forth in 36 C.F.R. part 67. Design review standards and guidelines that address special design characteristics of historic districts administered by the Commission may be followed if they are equivalent in guidance to the Secretary of Interior's Standards and guidelines and are established or approved by the State Historic Preservation Office.

4. In reviewing plans, the Commission shall also consider all of the following:

The historic or architectural value and significance of the resource and its relationship to the historic value of the surrounding area.

The relationship of any architectural features of the resource to the rest of the resource and to the surrounding area.

The general compatibility of the design, arrangement, texture, and materials proposed to be used.

Other factors, such as aesthetic value, that the commission finds relevant.

Whether the applicant has certified in the application that the property where the work will be undertaken has, or will have before the proposed project completion date, a fire alarm system or a smoke alarm complying with the requirements of the Stille-DeRossett-Hale single state construction code act, 1972 PA 230, MCL 125.1501 to 125.1531.

1.12. Appeal of a Commission Decision.

An applicant aggrieved by a decision of the Commission concerning a permit application may file an appeal with the State Historic Preservation Review Board. The appeal shall be filed within sixty (60) calendar days after the decision is furnished to the applicant. The permit applicant may submit all or part of the permit applicant's evidence and arguments in written form. The State Historic Preservation Review Board shall consider an appeal at its first regularly scheduled meeting after receiving the appeal. A permit applicant aggrieved by the decision of the State Historic Preservation Review Board may appeal the decision to the circuit court for the County of Wayne.

1.13. Work Without a Permit.

When work has been done upon a resource without a permit, and the Commission finds that the work does not qualify for a Certificate of Appropriateness, the Commission may require an owner to restore the resource to the condition that the resource was in before the inappropriate work or to modify the work so that it qualifies for a Certificate of Appropriateness. If the owner does not comply with the restoration or modification requirement within a reasonable time, the Commission may seek an order from the circuit court for the County of Wayne to require the owner to restore the resource to its former condition or to modify the work so that it qualifies for a Certificate of Appropriateness. If the owner does not comply or cannot comply with the order of the court, the Commission may direct the building department to enter the property and conduct work necessary to restore the resource to its former condition or modify the work so that it qualifies for a Certificate of Appropriateness in accordance with the court's order. The costs of the work done shall be charged to the owner, and may be levied as a special assessment against the property. When acting pursuant to an order of the circuit court, the building department may enter a property for purposes of this section.

1.14. Demolition by Neglect.

Upon a finding by the Commission that a resource within a historic district is threatened with Demolition by Neglect, the Commission may do either of the following:

1. Require the owner of the resource to repair all conditions contributing to demolition by neglect.

2. If the owner does not make repairs within a reasonable time, the Commission may authorize the building department to enter the property and make such repairs as necessary to prevent Demolition by Neglect. The costs of the work shall be charged to the owner, and may be levied as a special assessment against the property. The building department may enter the property for purposes of this section upon obtaining an order from the circuit court for the County of Wayne.

1.15. Emergency Moratorium.

If the Board of Trustees determines that pending work will cause irreparable harm to resources located within a historic district, the Board of Trustees may by resolution declare an emergency moratorium on all such work for a period not to exceed six (6) months. The Board of Trustees may extend the emergency moratorium for an additional period not to exceed six (6) months, upon finding that the threat of irreparable harm to a resource or resources is still present. Any pending permit application concerning a resource subject to an emergency moratorium may be summarily denied.

1.16. Penalties for Violations.

1. A person, individual, partnership, firm, corporation, organization, institution, or agency of government that violates this Ordinance is responsible for a civil violation and may be fined not more than $5,000.00.

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CANTON

Non-partisan township ballot proposal discussed

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Canton Board of Trustees members agree they work together as Democrats and Republicans, not always the case elsewhere.

Michael Siegrist, Canton Township municipal clerk, noted at the April 23 board of trustees meeting few such bipartisan township boards exist in Michigan.

"I would argue we've done a pretty good job," said Siegrist of the board of Republicans and Democrats working together. He noted he's a Democratic precinct delegate while Supervisor Pat Williams seated to his left is a Republican precinct delegate.

The comments were prompted as the board members discussed a Michigan Township Association (MTA) generated request to consider nonpartisan township elections. The MTA membership had rejected that plan in 2012, said Williams, with discussion of the issue now taking place in the Michigan Legislature.

"I have no problem with taking elections to nonpartisan," said Williams. "Cities have been doing it for decades."

> *People select whatever they want to select. Why not just vote without labels?*

"To me it amounts to withholding information from the voters," responded Siegrist.

Williams and other board members noted the rancor and lack of civility in state and national political discussions.

"It has to do with what makes sense for the community," Williams said. "It's a mess, it's embarrassing," he added of much political debate beyond Canton.

Canton trustees voted to not support the MTA measure, with John Anthony and Williams in opposition to the majority.

"People select whatever they want to select. Why not just vote without labels? I don't think labels mean a whole hell of a lot," Anthony commented before the vote.

Canton Township Treasurer Dian Slavens, who served in the Michigan House of Representatives, added, "If it's not broken, why fix it?" She said she favors existing election practices.

Trustee Steven Sneideman added, "They (voters) should have more information. That's what transparency's all about," of his own vote.

Williams explained the Michigan Townships Association is now taking the nonpartisan election issue to individual townships across the state to be made an agenda/discussion item.

Canton to host annual 'Culture Week' events this month

Canton Township will once again focus a spotlight on arts and culture during the 9th annual Canton Acts of Culture Week. This special week, presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, will begin on Friday, May 10 and continue through Saturday, May 18, at various community locations. Some of the many goals of culture week include: showcasing community cultural resources and partnerships; celebrating diverse cultural offerings; raising awareness of arts accessibility; instilling an appreciation of local arts organizations; and promoting the arts and heritage in and around the Canton community. In celebration of the arts, a variety of events will take place, including:

May 7-13: Summit Spring Art Exhibition will once again brighten the lobby of the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. More than 40 works of art will be on display and are available for purchase. The paintings were created by the students and instructors of Canton Leisure Services Enrichment Watercolor I, Watercolor II and Oil & Acrylics classes. This exhibit is free and open to the public during normal Summit on the Park business hours. For additional information, call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.summitonthepark.org.

> *The Canton Public Library will also be hosting a variety of storytimes and programs during Canton Acts of Culture.*

May 10: Acts of Fashion 2019, features a fashion-filled event that includes a fashion runway show and shopping experience, showcasing fashions from Metro-Detroit designers and boutiques, while also including special performances by local and national talent. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Educational Excellence Foundation. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. Purchase tickets online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call (734) 394-5300.

May 11: Party Like It's 1999 featuring a Phase 5 Prince Tribute Concert. The Village Theater will celebrate the legacy of singer, songwriter, and legendary musician Prince with a tribute from Phase 5. visitors can enjoy Purple Rain-inspired drinks and snacks available for purchase in the lobby. Visit cantonvillagetheater.org for ticket information.

May 12: A concert featuring Chart-Topping Saxophonist, Marcus Anderson is planned beginning at 7 p.m. at the Village Theater. Concert presented by JazzMasters Entertainment Group. Learn more at www.jazzmastersentertainment.com. Visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org for ticket information.

May 12-18: Canton Public Library presents a "Self-Guided Art Walk: Visit the library for a self-guided tour of 25 works of art and creative pieces. Ask for a map at the front desk.

May 16-19: Spotlight Players Present The Odd Couple by Neil Simon. Hilarity ensues as two very polar-opposite friends, Oscar Madison and Felix Unger, have to figure out how to reconcile their differences as the sloppy friend tries to decide whether or not to let his fussy friend stay and drive him crazy or throw him out to retain his sanity. This performance will be in the Biltmore Studio. Visit cantonvillagetheater.org for performance times and ticket information.

May 16: Canton Public Library Imposter Art Make And Take Workshop will be take place from 4-5:30 p.m. All ages are welcome to drop-in and create some imposter art in this free make and take workshop. Visit www.cantonpl.org for details.

May 18: A free painting class at the Summit on the Park will begin 11:30 a.m. All ages welcome. No experience required. Students will leave with a personal masterpiece created with an "April Showers Bring May Flowers" theme! Led by D&M Art Studio Instructors in the Summit gym. Space is limited. Pre-registration required online at www.summitonthepark.org with Activity Code #0518.201.

May 18: Plymouth-Canton Community Schools 10th annual K-12 Art Show will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Plymouth High School cafeteria, 8400 Beck Road, Canton 48187. Stop in to view more than 2,000 pieces of student artwork. Visit www.pccsk12.com for details.

The Canton Public Library will also be hosting a variety of storytimes and programs during Canton Acts of Culture. Find the complete calendar of the Ninth annual Canton Acts of Culture Week events online at www.cantonfun.org.

For more information, call (734) 394-5360.

CITY OF ROMULUS
MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 08, 2019

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.
Excused: Kathy Abdo.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
1. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Roscoe** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-095 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 1, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
3. Petitioner
4. Chairperson's Report
Councilman Wadsworth announced the annual Animal Shelter Bowl-A-Thon will be held on May 10th. Reverend Willis spoke about the Good Friday Walk that will be held on Friday, April 19, 2019. Curtis Hall and David Jones from St. John's Lodge spoke about their annual Prayer Breakfast to be held on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. - Wayne Manor.
19-096 4A. Moved by **Williams,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Billie Charles. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-097 4B. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to grant a no-fee permit for the closing of Goddard Road from the Historical Park to Wesleyan Church for the annual Good Friday Walk to be held on Friday, April 19, 2019 beginning at 11:00 a.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. Mayor's Report
Mayor Burcroff gave a summary of the funding for the new court. A video of upcoming City events was presented by Mayor Burcroff.
19-098 5A. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the use of Elmer Johnson Softball Field B and St. John's Lodge Field by Summit Academy for their teams' practice and home fields during their season beginning the week of April 9, 2019 through May, 2019 in exchange for the donation of payment for repairs and updates to the fields. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-099 5B. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit to the Horseshoe Club for the use of Elmer Johnson Park's Horseshoe Pits every Wednesday evening from May 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-100 5C. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and approve Change Order #1 to Bid Award ITB 18/19-19 (Resolution # 19-035) for all work outlined in Change Order #1 for California and Brandt Streets in the amount of $267,567.50 to Goretski Construction. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
Clerk's Report
A business owner asked that Council vote no on 6A2.
19-101 6A1. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Webb** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 18/19-23, Property and Liability Claims Expense, which was introduced at the Council meeting of April 1, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-102 6A2. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to approve the introduction/first reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 30, Licensing, Article II, General Business Registration, Section 30-21 to include Services and Isolated Sale of Services. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams. **Motion Carried**.
19-103 6A3. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to schedule a study session with City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg, on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the City Controlled Substance Ordinance. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-104 6A3 (a). Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to recognize the Chamber of Commerce 34th Person of the Year, Robert McCraight. **Ayes** – Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6B. Treasurer's Report
7. Public Comment
A resident informed that Jeffery Straight, owner of Expert Auto, passed away. A resident spoke about an article that was published in the Belleville Independent Newspaper regarding the city and court.
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
10. Communication
19-105 10A. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Webb** to recognize Joan and Larry Carlton, Sr. on their 50th wedding anniversary. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-106 10B. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to recognize First Baptist Church on the church's 92nd anniversary. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-107 10C. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Jeffery Straight. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-108 11. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to pay Warrant 19-07 in the amount of $1,540,329.47. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
12. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council at 9:00 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 08, 2019. RM 0384 - 050219 2.5 x 9.617

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings April 23, 2019 A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. for a special hearing. **Special Hearing** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to open the appeals hearing to the denial of a 2019 license for Tarlochan Gill. Motion carried unanimously. Guru Chawla was appointed to represent Mr. Gill and spoke for five minutes in favor of the appeal. Deputy Police Chief Wilshire presented for five minutes on the issues that resulted in the denial. The trustees each spoke about their concerns over the master driving record of Mr. Gill. Chawla spoke for five additional minutes in favor of the appeal. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to close the appeals hearing to the denial of a 2019 license for Tarlochan Gill. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Slavens, supported by Foster to deny the appeal and uphold the Clerk's denial of the 2019 license for Gill. Motion carried unanimously. The Supervisor led the pledge of allegiance at 7:00 P.M. Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Hohenberger, Director Meier **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to approve the agenda as amended with Item G8 moved to Item G0. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Public Comment was held. **Payment of the Bills:** Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneideman to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Consent Calendar: Item C-1. Appointment to the Historic District Commission** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the Township Supervisor's recommendation for appointment of Joan Lager to the Canton Historic District Commission for a three-year term effective through April 30, 2022. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-2. Consider the Second Reading of Code of Ordinance Amendments to Part I, Chapter 74 Entitled "Utilities", Article II, Division 2, Subdivision II Entitled "Schedule of Rates and Charges", Section 74-83 and Section 74-84 Entitled "Water Billing; Water Meters"** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to remove from the table, adopt and publish the Second Reading of the Code of Ordinance, Part I, Chapter 74 Entitled "UTILITIES", Article II, Division 2, Subdivision II entitled "SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES", Section 74-83, and Section 74-84 Entitled "Water Billing; Water Meters" with a publication date of April 12, 2019 and effective date of May 1, 2019. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-3. Consider Approval of a Metro-Act Permit for US Signal** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the Metro-Act Right-of-Way Telecommunications permit to US Signal and authorize the Township Clerk to sign the permit on behalf of Canton Township. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-4. Consider authorizing the Township Supervisor to sign the Sanitary Sewer Service agreement between WTUA, Wayne County, and the City of Plymouth.** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the sanitary sewer service agreement between WTUA, Wayne County, and the City of Plymouth. Motion carried unanimously. **General Calendar: Item G-0 Consider Approval of CDBG Housing Rehab Change Order** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to waive the internal policy and exceed the $25,000 per home threshold limit award the increase to the change order to the contract for a housing rehabilitation at xxxx Fernwood to Stratton Home Improvement in the amount of $4,000. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-1. Consider Approval of a Special Land Use for Alrig Multi-Tenant Building** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN **Approval of the Special Land Use for a Multiple Tenant Commercial Building (Formerly Hayden's Restaurant) WHEREAS**, the Project Sponsor has requested special land use approval for a multiple tenant building that would incorporate general office, medical and dental clinics, training and education centers, standard bar/restaurant with accessory pick-up window, specialty retail, business services and personal service establishments, and general retail uses on parcel no. 049-99-0001-704, located at the southeast corner of Ford and Lotz Roads; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission reviewed the request and applicable criteria and voted 6-0 to recommend approval, as the request meets a general criteria for a special land use approval in the Corporate Park Overlay District, the building and site can accommodate the proposed uses and renovation of the building and, updates to the site will bring the parcel into closer conformance within the design guidelines of the district; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request for a multi-tenant building which could include general office (6.08.D.1), medical and dental clinics (6.08.D.2), training and education centers (6.08.D.11), standard bar/restaurant with accessory pick-up window (6.08.D.17),specialty retail, business services and personal service establishments (6.08.D.19) and general retail uses (6.08.D.20) on parcel no. 049-99-0001-704, subject to final site plan approval. **Item G-2. Consider Approval of the Site Plan for Fire Station #2** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN **Approval of the Site plan for Fire Station No. 2 WHEREAS**, the Project Sponsor, Canton Township, has requested site plan approval for a municipal building for a fire station on the north side of Warren Road between Lilley and Haggerty Roads; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission reviewed the request and voted to recommend approval; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the site plan for a municipal building for a fire station on tax parcel nos. 041-99-0003-000, 041-99-0006-000 and 041-99-0008-000, subject to all applicable local and state requirements. **Item G-3. Consider Approval for Change Order to Complete Independence Park Sidewalk Gap with Rotondo Construction Corporation** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve a change order contract with Rotondo Construction Corporation for the Independence Park sidewalk gap in the amount of $144,030.43; and further authorize the contractor to pull the permit with WCDPS on behalf of Canton Township. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-4. Consider Award of a Contract for Professional Design and Engineering Services to Wade Trim Associates, Inc. for Improvements at Administration Complex Heritage Park – Paving and Design** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to award a contract and purchase order for engineering consulting services for the Administration Complex Heritage Park – Paving & Design, to Wade Trim & Associates, Inc. in an amount of $43,500 plus a 10% contingency of $4,350 for a not-to exceed amount of $47,850. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-5. Consider Approval and Award of a Purchase Order Contract to DPR Architects for Architectural and Engineering Services for Public Works Storage Facility Expansion** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to award a purchase order contract to DPR Architects in an amount of $35,500, plus a 10% contingency of $3,550 for a total not-to-exceed amount of $39,050. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-6. Consider Purchase of Three (3) Mowers for the Parks Division** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to authorize the purchase of (3) SCAG Turf Tiger II zero-turn riding mowers in the amount of $37,188 from Wayne Lawn & Garden, 39915 Michigan Ave, Canton, MI 48188 with funds coming from Budget Account 101-752-50.970_0030 Capital Outlay Machinery and Equipment. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-7. First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 46, Article II of the Canton Township Code of Ordinances, Entitled "Offenses Against The Person," Section 46-31, "Assault and Battery" to Increase the Maximum Punishment to 93 Days in Jail.** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to introduce for first reading an ordinance which amends Chapter 46 of the Canton Township Code of Ordinances, Article II, Section 46-13 entitled "Assault and battery; domestic assault and battery." Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to table for consideration the proposed text amendment to Chapter 46 of the Canton Code of Ordinances and schedule a second reading for May 14, 2019. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-9. Consider Request of Michigan Townships Association (MTA) to Discuss and Consider a Proposal to Make Township Elections Nonpartisan** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to oppose a proposal to make Township elections nonpartisan. Motion carried by a vote of 5-2. Aye: Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman No: Anthony, Williams **Item G-10. Consider Approval of Budget Amendment for Cable Television Production Assistant Upgrade and Factor Analysis** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to make the following budget amendments. Motion carried unanimously. Increase Salaries and Wages Full Rime 230-250.703_0010 $7,500 Increase Various Fringes 230-250.724 $1,500 Decrease Transfer to Fund Balance 230-250.999 $9,000 Additional Public Comment: None Other: Siegrist reported the Board of Trustees is accepting applications for the Ethics Committee until April 26, 2019. The Ethics Subcommittee is needed to review the applications. Foster reminded residents the HOA letter of interest for local road repair is due by April 30, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. and more information is on Canton Township website www.canton-mi.org. **Adjourn:** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk Pat Williams, Supervisor

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394- 5120, during regular business hours or be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.
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Northville - Plymouth

Hiking, biking trails OK by Northville trustees

Northville township officials have agreed to move toward development of separate hiking and biking trails on the eastern portion of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property.

During the meeting of the board of trustees last week, a plan in partnership with the Motor City Mountain Biking Association (MCMBA) was approved. The MCMBA is a 501.c.3 organization formed in 1990. Members have built and maintain approximately 93 miles of trails in Wayne and Oakland counties, including trails at Maybury Park, Hines Park, Island Lake Recreation/ Kensington Park, and Lakeshore Park in Novi.

Members of the MCMBA will provide expertise, equipment, volunteers, materials, insurance coverage, and some funds to the project, according to the township along with a commitment by MCMBA to ongoing maintenance of the trails. Many of the current trails are shared by mountain bikers and hikers.

The township plan, however, will include an option for pedestrian only trails. In initial discussions with the MCMBA, group officials have indicated a willingness to assist in the building of separate hiking trails, township officials noted. The MCMBA also provides trail signage which would be approved, along with the plan, by Northville Township officials prior to construction.

Township Supervisor Robert Nix said the project was a good start.

"I am pleased that the major demolition to date will provide the township with an opportunity to begin developing the non-contaminated areas into biking and walking pathways for our residents," he said.

The 50 acres at the eastern end of the former psychiatric hospital property were acquired by the township through a grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust fund in 2009. A Master Plan of the property was developed in 2012, which called for the creation of park trails on a portion on the property. The eastern end of the parcel where the trails are proposed is bordered on the west by a chain link fence that separates it from the rest of the property. On the north, it is bordered by the University of Michigan building. Hawthorne Center is located to the east. The southern border abuts Ward Church and multiple homes in the Northville Trails subdivision.

Library

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Mancini said she reads mostly history and biography, nonfiction titles, and says historical fiction writer John Jakes is probably her favorite.

She added that she is proud of the myriad of library offerings and programs, including homebound delivery of materials. For middle school Northville Public Schools students, the "Battle of the Books" drew some 160 youth this year.

She says that "was so fantastic to be in a room with them at once and see their enthusiasm."

The Northville District Library website is www.northvillelibrary.org, and the phone number is (248) 349-3020. The library is at 212 W. Cady St. 48167, across from the Northville Art House.

City Clean-Up Day set for this Saturday in Plymouth

Spring Clean Up Day in the City of Plymouth will be May 4.

The day offers residents the opportunity to dispose of items of nearly all sizes at no additional cost. Spring Clean Up is limited to household disposal, and is not provided for contractor material disposal.

According to the City of Plymouth Department of Municipal Services, the special clean up day will not interrupt regular weekly trash and recycling pick up.

Residents are asked to place items at the curb but not use the brown automated trash carts for the special pick up. The non-automated trucks used during Clean Up Day cannot empty them.

No recycling or compost pick up will take place during Spring Clean Up Day.

> *Each household in the city is allowed eight trash cans or the equivalent, plus two large items such as a washer, dryer, couch, or desk for pick up.*

Each household in the city is allowed eight trash cans or the equivalent, plus two large items such as a washer, dryer, couch, or desk for pick up.

All small refuse must be placed in containers strong enough to hold the weight such as plastic bags, cans or boxes. Containers must weigh less than 50 pounds, according to city officials.

Appliances containing Freon like refrigerators, freezers, water coolers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, etc., must have a valid certificate of Freon removal attached to the appliance. Residents can contact any heating and cooling company for the service, officials said. It is against the law to place a refrigerator at the curb without removing the doors.

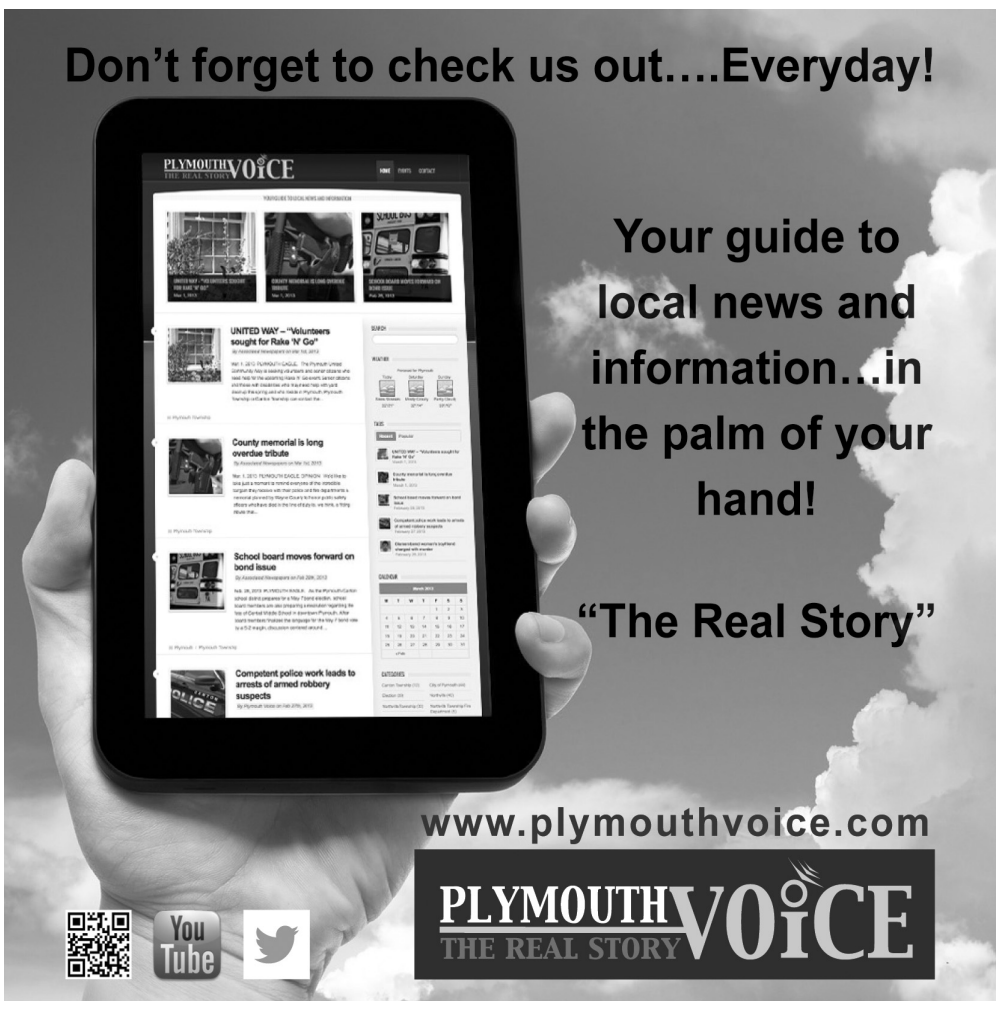
All items to be collected must be placed at the curb in a neat and safe manner as not to pose any danger to the collectors or other residents, officials said.

All trash must be at the curb by 6 a.m. on the Spring Clean Up date or it may not be picked up. Residents are asked not to place materials to the curb more than 24 hours in advance of Spring Clean Up Day.

Items that will not be picked up include: tires; concrete or other major construction debris; auto parts; piles of dirt and/or sod; extremely large items such as boats, cars, engines, motorcycles, snowmobiles, pianos, etc.; hazardous materials like gasoline, fuel or motor oil, paint thinners, pesticides, medical waste, etc..

For more information, contact The Department of Municipal Services at (734) 453-7737 or at dms@plymouthmi.gov.

To subscribe to The Eagle call 734-467-1900.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2. A person, individual, partnership, firm, corporation, organization, institution, or agency of government that violates this Ordinance may be ordered by the circuit court for the County of Wayne to pay the costs to restore or replicate a resource unlawfully constructed, added to, altered, repaired, moved, excavated, or demolished.

1.17. Acceptance of Gifts or Grants.

The Board of Trustees may accept state or federal grants for historic preservation purposes; may participate in state and federal programs that benefit historic preservation, and may accept public or private gifts for historic preservation purposes. The Board of Trustees may by resolution delegate to the Commission the administration of grants, gifts, and program responsibilities.

SECTION II. REPEAL.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

SECTION IV. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION V. PUBLICATION.

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Charter Township of Plymouth Board Trustees at its regular meeting called and held on the 23rd day of April, 2019, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

Jerry Vorva
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

First Reading: April 9, 2019
Second Reading: April 23, 2019
Adopted: April 23, 2019
Publish: May 2, 2019

Effective upon publication

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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LEGAL NOTICE

1954 PA 188 PROCEEDINGS
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING

Charter Township of Plymouth
Wayne County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth proposes a road pavement reconstruction project in Plymouth Notch Subdivision and to create a Special Assessment District for the recovery of the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the properties benefited therein.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvement:

> The proposed improvement to the existing two-lane concrete local roadway with integral curb and gutter shall consist of full reconstruction, including, removal and replacement of concrete pavement, aggregate base placement, underdrain installation, addition of storm sewer and catch basins where required within the pavement, and miscellaneous driveway approach work and sidewalk ramp modification as necessary to facilitate the road reconstruction, or as required by Wayne County. The project commences at the east right-of-way line of McClumpha Road and proceeds eastward on Litchfield Drive for approximately 1,350 feet to a dead end. The project also proceeds north from Litchfield Drive along Litchfield Court for approximately 185 feet to terminus.

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed:

> The district limit for frontage along Litchfield Drive and Litchfield Court consists of Lots 1 through 30 of the Plymouth Notch Subdivision located in the Northeast ¼ of Section 33, T.1S, R.8E, of Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on **Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, Michigan 48170**, for the purpose of reviewing said proposed Special Assessment District, and hearing objections to the improvement, creation of the Special Assessment District, and the assessment thereon. All persons may then and there appear and make any objections they may have to such improvement and assessment. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount, if any, of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or agent thereof, may appear in person at the hearing, or may file an appearance or protest by letter. All parties or agents appearing in person at the hearing for purposes of protest should request the appearance be entered into the record of the meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the estimate of cost and recommendations of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of cost of such project is in the approximate amount of $949,681.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that periodic redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment District may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property.

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Wild About Youth Works program is now under way

Mayor William R. Wild is looking for a job….actually, he is looking for several jobs for young people from the community.

For the ninth year, Wild is reaching out to Westland businesses to partner in a common goal of introducing young adults from Westland into the workplace. The "Wild About Youth Works!" program aims to prepare young adults for the competitive workforce by teaching them the virtue of a strong work ethic, good customer service skills and financial responsibility.

The program is geared toward youth ages 16-18 and is available for Westland residents and students of Wayne-Westland and Livonia Public Schools.

To help students, and potential employers, the city will host a Dress For Success Job Fair from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, May 9 at Westland City Hall. Program participants will receive helpful information on financial literacy, proper work attire, resume writing tips and more, organizers said.

Business owners and managers will have the opportunity to sign up to participate in the job fair for a chance to meet a large pool of talented young applicants, according to a statement from Wild's office. Businesses will benefit from participating in the program by obtaining young, tech savvy employees who have had initial general training and education, the release continues.

> *"In order for communities to thrive, there must be structure in place to promote workforce development.*

Businesses are required to interview and hire at least one student and providing them with at least 16 hours of work per week for six weeks or more at the minimum wage rate or higher. Student participants will have the opportunity to interview on-site.

"In order for communities to thrive, there must be structure in place to promote workforce development," commented Wild. "This program helps to equip Westland's youth with the skills and knowledge needed to be competitive candidates for employment and connects them with employers seeking to develop talent on their staff."

Students and businesses who are interested in participating may contact the Economic Development Department at (734) 467-3264 for more information. The application to register is available on www.cityofwestland.com.

'Mistake' leads to big Fantasy 5 lottery win for Inkster mom

A lucky set of numbers paid off for an Inkster woman after winning half of a $156,090 Fantasy 5 jackpot from the Michigan Lottery.

Antoinette Ousley was one of two lucky players to match the Fantasy 5 numbers drawn on April 15 - 08-12-19-25-29 - to win half of the $156,090 jackpot. She bought her winning ticket at the Market Foods party store, located at 3760 Inkster Road in Inkster.

"I was eating dinner and remembered I had to check the winning numbers from the drawing the night before. I pulled them up on the Lottery app, and right when I saw them I knew I won," said Ousley. "I started hyperventilating because I was so excited.

"I play the same set of numbers every day, which are a combination of my kids birth dates and ages. One of them just had a birthday and I forgot to switch the number '19' to '20,' but it ended up paying off!"

Ousley visited Lottery headquarters recently to claim the big prize. With her winnings, she plans to buy a house.

"It is awesome to such win a big prize, I feel so blessed," Ousley said.

The other winning ticket, which was bought at the Sunoco gas station, located at 27415 Van Born Road in Romulus was claimed last week and the winner chose to remain anonymous.

Inkster resident Antoinette Ousley and her children collect her lottery winnings in Lansing last week.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

FIREWORKS ORDINANCE #1016

AMENDMENT #24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REGULATING FIREWORKS; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR PERMIT OR REGISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR DISCHARGE OF NOVELTIES; PROVIDING FOR PYROTECHNIC DISPLAYS; PROVIDING FOR PERMIT FOR DISCHARGE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS; PROVIDING FOR TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE; PROVIDING FOR TEMPORARY STRUCTURES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Ordinance No. #1016, Amendment 24, the Fireworks Ordinance is hereby adopted to read as follows:

SECTION I. TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the **"Fireworks Ordinance."**

SECTION II. ORDINANCE.

Sec. A. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Act 256 shall mean Act 256 of the Public Acts of 2011, being MCL 28.451.

Articles pyrotechnic shall mean pyrotechnic devices for professional use that are similar to consumer fireworks in chemical composition and construction, but are not intended for consumer use, that meet the weight limits for consumer fireworks, but are not labeled as such, and that are classified as UN0431 or UN0432 under 49 CFR 172.101.

Consumer fireworks shall mean firework devices that are designed to provide visible effects by combustion, that are required to comply with the construction chemical composition, and labeling regulations promulgated by the United States consumer product safety commission under 16 CFR parts 1500 and 1507, and are listed in APA standard 87-1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3, or 3.5. Consumer fireworks do not include low-impact fireworks.

Consumer fireworks certificate or *certificate* shall mean a certificate issued under Section 28.467a of Act 256.

Department shall mean the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

Display fireworks shall mean large fireworks devices that are explosive materials intended for use in fireworks displays and designed to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation, as provided in 27 CFR 555.11, 49 CFR 172, and APA standard 87-1, 4.1.

Fireworks shall mean any composition or device, except for a starting pistol, a flare gun, or a flare designed for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation. Fireworks consist of consumer fireworks, low impact fireworks, articles pyrotechnic, display fireworks, and special effects.

Low-impact fireworks shall mean ground and handheld sparkling devices as that phrase is defined under APA standard 87-1, 3.1, 3.1.1.1 to 3.1.1.8, and 3.5.

Novelties shall mean the term defined under APA standard 87-1, 3.2, 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3, 3.2.4, and 3.2.5 and all of the following:

(1) Toy plastic or paper caps for toy pistols in sheets, strips, rolls, or individual caps containing not more than .25 of a grain of explosive content per cap, in packages labeled to indicate the maximum explosive content per cap.

(2) Toy pistols, toy cannons, toy canes, toy trick noisemakers, and toy guns in which toy caps as described in subparagraph (i) are used, that are constructed so that the hand cannot come in contact with the cap when in place for the explosion, and that are not designed to break apart or be separated so as to form a missile by the explosion.

(3) Flitter sparklers in paper tubes not exceeding 1/8 inch in diameter.

Person shall include an individual, agent, association, charitable organization, company, limited liability company, corporation, labor organization, legal representative, partnership, unincorporated association, or any other legal or commercial entity.

Special effects shall mean a combination of chemical elements or chemical compounds capable of burning independently of the oxygen of the atmosphere and designed and intended to produce an audible, visual, mechanical, or thermal effect as an integral part of a motion picture, radio, television, theatrical, or opera production or live entertainment.

Temporary structure shall mean a movable structure that is used in the sale, display, storage, transportation, or distribution of consumer fireworks, including, but not limited to, a tent or a stand.

Sec. B. Exemptions.

A permit is not required under this division for the possession, ignition or discharge of novelties or low-impact fireworks. A permit for the discharge of consumer fireworks may be required under section F.

Sec. C. Permit or registration required.

(1) No person shall sell consumer fireworks in the township without having obtained a consumer fireworks certificate from the department as required by, and complied with all the requirements of Act 256, as amended. The consumer fireworks certificate shall be prominently displayed at the retail location for which the certificate was issued.

(2) No person shall sell low-impact fireworks without having registered with the low impact fireworks retail registry maintained by the department.

Sec. D. Discharge or novelties, low-impact fireworks and consumer fireworks.

(1) Except in the case of a consumer permit issued by the township under section F, consumer fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged, or used by any person at any time, except on the following days after 11 a.m.:

(a) December 31 until 1 a.m. on January 1.

(b) The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

(c) June 29 to July 4 until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

(d) July 5, if that date is a Friday or Saturday, until 11:45 p.m.

(e) The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

(2) When permitted, consumer fireworks and low-impact fireworks shall not be ignited or discharged on public property, school property, church property, or property of another person without that organization's or person's written permission to use consumer fireworks and low-impact fireworks on the premises.

(3) Low-impact fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged or used between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.

(4) No fireworks shall be ignited or discharged within 70 feet of any building, or on any public street.

(5) Minors shall be prohibited from possessing, using, igniting or discharging consumer fireworks.

(6) No person shall use consumer fireworks while under the influence of alcoholic liquor or a controlled substance or both.

Sec. E. Permit for pyrotechnic displays or other use.

(1) The township board, upon application in writing, on forms provided by the department may grant a permit for the use of fireworks otherwise prohibited by section D, within the township, manufactured for outdoor pest control or agricultural purposes, or for public display by municipalities, fair associations, amusement parks, or other organizations or groups of individuals approved by the township board, if the applicable provisions of this division and the Act are complied with. After a permit has been granted, the possession or transportation of fireworks for the purposes described in the permit only may be made. A permit granted under this subsection shall not be transferable, nor shall a permit be issued to a person under the age of 18 years.

(2) Before a permit for articles pyrotechnic or display fireworks is issued, the person making application therefor shall furnish proof of financial responsibility by a bond or insurance in an amount deemed necessary by the township board, to satisfy claims for damages to property or personal injuries arising out of an act or omission on the part of the person, or any agent or employee thereof, in the amount, character and form the township board determines necessary for the protection of the public.

(3) No permit shall be issued under this section to a nonresident person for conduct of articles pyrotechnic or display fireworks until such person has appointed in writing a resident member of the bar of this state or a resident agent to be his legal representative upon whom all process in an action or proceeding against him may be served.

(4) The township board shall rule on the competency and qualifications of operators of articles pyrotechnic or display fireworks as the operator has furnished in his application form, and on the time, place and safety aspects of the displays, before granting permits.

Sec. F. Permit for discharge of consumer fireworks.

(1) Persons wishing to discharge consumer fireworks on a day other than the day preceding, day of, or day after a national holiday shall do so only after paying a fee and obtaining a permit from the township.

(2) Application for a permit to discharge consumer fireworks under this section shall be made on forms available from the township clerk.

(3) Approval of a permit to discharge consumer fireworks shall be subject to the following minimum conditions:

(i) A minimum radial setback of 70 foot per one inch of the largest aerial device proposed to be discharged from the proposed launch site to the nearest occupied structure.

(ii) Satisfactory inspection by the fire prevention division of the township fire department upon delivery of the consumer fireworks to the proposed launch site.

(iii) Written permission of the property owner, if different than the applicant, shall be provided.

(iv) Additional reasonable conditions the fire prevention division deems necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

(4) A permit under this section shall not be issued to a minor.

(5) A permit shall not be issued for any public property, including roads, road rights-of-way, or sidewalks.

(6) The required inspection shall be requested by the applicant not later than 24 hours prior to the proposed discharge. For a proposed discharge on a Saturday or Sunday, the request shall be made not later than 8:30 a.m. of the Thursday preceding the proposed day of discharge.

Sec. G. Transportation and storage.

Transportation and storage of fireworks through and in the township shall be in accordance with the requirements set forth in Act 256.

Sec. H. Temporary Structures.

No person shall maintain a temporary structure without first having obtained a permit from the Building Department. The Township Board may by resolution restrict the number of permits for a temporary structure, and set forth the terms under which a permit may be granted. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the temporary storage, transportation, or distribution of fireworks by a consumer fireworks certificate holder at a retail location that is a permanent building or structure.

SECTION III. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

Any person who violates or fails to comply with Section II.D(1) shall be responsible for a civil infraction punishable by a civil fine of $1,000.00. Any person who shall violate or fail to comply with any other provisions of this ordinance is responsible for a civil infraction punishable by a civil fine not to exceed $500.00.

SECTION IV. REPEAL.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION V. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

SECTION VI. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION VII. PUBLICATION.

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Except for Section II.H, this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication. Section II.H shall take effect on August 1, 2019.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance will have its first reading by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on the 23rd day of April, 2019, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

Jerry Vorva
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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Effective upon Publication

Belleville - Romulus

Zoning revised to appeal to 'upscale' development

Scott Spielman
Special Writer

Members of the Romulus City Council approved an overlay district recently that will pave the way for additional upscale development within the city.

The Vining Road Subarea Overlay District, centered near Wick and Vining roads, would allow for some additional uses in the regional center zoning, but prohibit the type of heavy warehouse and truck use that some developers had sought to place there. It's a continuation of efforts to drive development to the area that had long been vacant in the city, said Tim Keyes, economic development director for the City of Romulus.

"We have the opportunity to do some very good things here," he said. "We don't want to have heavy truck traffic dominating it."

The area is currently zoned as a regional center, which would allow virtually every type of use, from commercial to industrial, residential and retail. The overlay district would allow for some additional complementary uses on the 300+ acres of land, including office, research and development, and some engineering, provided they were created on campus-like settings with deep setbacks, additional landscaping, larger trees, walking paths and high-end architectural features.

Because there is residential nearby and to avoid the stress on infrastructure, warehouse, logistics and other uses that require heavy trucks are not permitted.

"We didn't want to change the underlying zoning to regional center. We wanted to get some additional uses on that property. What we did not want was warehousing, distribution logistics or those uses or heavy truck traffic," said Keyes. "We wanted to attract development that would bring a lot of jobs, but not a lot of trucks."

Recently, Northpoint Development had proposed a $170 million development within the area, but it would not fit in under the proposed changes. The city had a study session scheduled with the group, but cancelled and decided to finalize the zoning change, which planners had worked on for most of last year.

"At the end of the day, it didn't complement what was around it," said Keyes.

Keyes said the city had been working with the developer on that project, and there were plenty of areas within the city that it would fit. Property south of the airport, about 5 miles away from the overlay district, is already zoned for that type of use.

Timothy Stoepker, a land use attorney representing the developer, said he was surprised to learn the study session had been cancelled.

"We think there's merit to this project," he said. "We think there's an opportunity to work the issues out, and we're just asking for an opportunity to present it."

The zoning overlay was approved, with only Councilwoman Virginia Williams voting against it.

"We do not want 18-wheelers over there on that property," said Councilwoman Eva Webb. "This overlay keeps these acres for retail, for condos over by the lake-we want to keep that there."

Review

FROM PAGE 1

at the time of "settlement." When Sumpter Township sends the collected $1.63 million to the county, the $16,400 or 1-percent interest per month will be deducted from the tax amount due back to the township. Any delinquent taxes due Sumpter Township which have been collected by Wayne County are also paid to the township at settlement.

"The longer we wait for settlement, the longer we do not have those funds," Holtz said. He said he discovered the funds had not been distributed to Wayne County in his regular reconciliation of the bank accounts.

Holtz has resigned the position to become the Lenawee County finance director. He said that his decision to leave the township was due, in part, to the lack of communication with the treasurer's office which made it impossible for him to do his job.

"It was my job to oversee the general expense level and ensure that financial matters are correctly reported. I was also responsible for the bank account reconciliations and watching the cash management for the township," Holtz said.

Holtz prepared a report for the board trustees detailing six performance or procedure inadequacies by Bednark's office which he said need "immediate attention." The top two were the failure to immediately send the $1.6 million in collected tax funds to the county, the school district and other taxing entities. Others include the failure of Bednark's department to collect overdue water bills which could create a cash flow problem. He also expressed concerns about the failure of the treasurer to review banking proposals which could cost the township in potential interest and lower banking fees.

Bednark denied that the office was non-compliant, challenging the lost revenue and costs that Holtz reported to the trustees at the meeting.

Bednark was elected to fill the unexpired term in the treasurer's office created when Morgan moved from that office to become supervisor. Peggy Morgan served as interim treasurer until Bednark's election last fall. His unexpired term will end in November of 2020.

During the meeting last week, the former treasurer took the microphone during the public comment portion of the agenda and stated that before she left office, the township auditor gave the treasurer's office a clean bill of health, a direct contradiction to Bednark's reported remarks that he inherited an office in disarray.

Morgan added that his assistant, who also worked as the deputy treasurer for many years "could straighten this out very quickly," but that Bednark will not accept help from those experienced with township finance.

"The finance director told me that this is now such a mess of misapplied and commingled funds that he doubts even the auditors will be able to straighten it out," Morgan said.

"Did I stutter? There is no late fee, this is all fallacious information," Bednark said.

"There is no documentation of any of this. It is all fabricated."

City banners will honor veterans

Banners that pay tribute to individuals that have served in the Armed Forces will be on display in downtown Romulus during a ceremony from 5 to 6 p.m. Monday, May 6, at the Romulus Historical Park Pavilion, 36095 Goddard Road.

The viewing and reception for the Inaugural Military Tribute Banner Program is sponsored by the City of Romulus and Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Fourteen tribute banners were installed May 1 on poles in downtown Romulus and will be on display during May and November, the months of Memorial Day and Veterans Day, respectively. The banners will honor those in active duty as well as those honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces.

The double-sided color banners are 18 by 36 inches. Each has a photo of a member of the military along with the name, dates of service and branch of the military.

DDA Director Merrie Druyor said the program started in February. Military families had until March 29 to purchase banners for $150 apiece.

At the end of November, the banners will be given to the families to store. They will be eligible to be used the following year for $50.

The goal of the program was to recognize and honor "the brave individuals who are serving or have served in the United States Armed Forces," Druyor said.

There is limited space available to add banners this year as well.

Those interested in sponsoring a banner for heroes or families unable to do so on their own can make a donation to Romulus Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9568.

For more information on the program, call (734) 955-4531.

Happy Arbor Day

Sumpter Township was awarded a $500 grant from the Department of Natural Resources and Supervisor John W. Morgan, at right, whose office applied for the grant, gave Eastern White Pine Tree seedlings away to Sumpter Township residents to celebrate Arbor Day April 24. Administrative Assistant Karen Woodington helped distribute the 100 trees which were ordered from the Arbor Day Foundation. The township also purchased seven books on the subject of trees which are being donated to the new Belleville Area District Library branch being built in the township.

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Wayne

Pet project

Students sponsor rare white rhino

Second-grade students at Walker-Winter Elementary School in Canton Township have taken on a gigantic cause.

The students are sponsoring the care and feeding of Ratu, white rhinoceros in Kenya, Africa. As part of a nature lesson, the students participated in a Skype call with Ami Vitale, a National Geographic photographer who was at the Ol Pejeta Conservancy in Kenya with the last two northern white rhinos in existence. The students learned about what needs to be done to protect threatened and endangered rhinoceroses in existence. Currently, the Conservancy is caring and protecting two very rare white rhinos. The second-graders immediately decided to attempt to raise enough money to sponsor one of the rhinos for two months.

They collected returnable cans and bottles in an effort to generate enough money to feed and house Ratu. They also accepted donations toward the cause.

"We learned that the Sumatran Rhino was also endangered and decided we should learn more about this. Did you know that there are less than (sic) 80 Sumatran Rhinos left in the world? To help these endangered rhinos, our class decided that we could do more. We collected cans and bottles and also got donations. We raised enough money to adopt a rhino for two whole months- $1,005.01 We adopted Ratu, one of the rhinos at the International Rhino Foundation," one student posted on the class website.

Second-grade students at Walker-Winter Elementary School collected funds to sponsor a white rhinoceros for two months.

Second-grade teacher Chris Kozaczynski said the nature project lesson was an important one for the students.

"Our recently completed Project Based Learning cycle had the students search for ways to get involved within the community to help solve larger, real-world problems. The class researched and learned about Sumatran Rhinos and then took a collection (cans/bottles) to support conservation efforts. We raised $1,005.01 which was enough to "adopt a rhino" for two months- providing all care for Ratu, our rhino."

Dedication set for high school Hall of Fame in Wayne

The new Wayne Memorial High School Athletic Hall of Fame will be officially dedicated next month.

The Hall of Fame had been part of the Wayne-Westland Athletic Hall of Fame created to honor area athletes and their accomplishments and encourage community pride and housed at Jake's Again Lounge. Original members of the Wayne-Westland Athletic Hall of Fame included community members, athletes and coaches from St. Mary's School, John Glenn High School and Wayne Memorial High School.

The new Hall of Fame will be housed in the Alumni Arena on the Wayne Memorial High School campus and will include individuals that have been identified as having a direct connection to Wayne Memorial High School.

The ceremony is planned for 6 p.m. Friday, June 7, in Alumni Arena at the school. The event will be open to the general public and school officials urged the families and friends of those honored in the Hall of Fame to attend.

The Wayne Memorial High School Athletic Hall of Fame members currently include: Wendy A. Bostwick (Reynolds); Dick Brewis; Bill Brooks; Doris Busuito; Dale Butler; Jim Chronowski; Cedric Dempsey; Donald D. Domke; Anthony (Tony) Drager; Kim (Schwartz) Fallow; Michael J. Goin; Don Haney; Kevin Hankerson; William Clark Hawley; Chuck Howton; Don L. Mason; James J. McPartlin; Rodney Ott; Walter Ott; Theodore D'Pulos; Eugene "Udge" Piscopink; Thom Piscopink; Kim Poteau-Foster; Larry Quartuccio; Anthony (Tony) Robertson; Pollis Robertson; Pat Sheridan; George Smith; Larry (Chum) Stockwell; Doug Tolson; 1945 State Championship Football Team; 1981 State Championship Volleyball Team and 1983 State Championship Volleyball Team

Wayne Memorial High School is located at 3001 Fourth St. in Wayne.

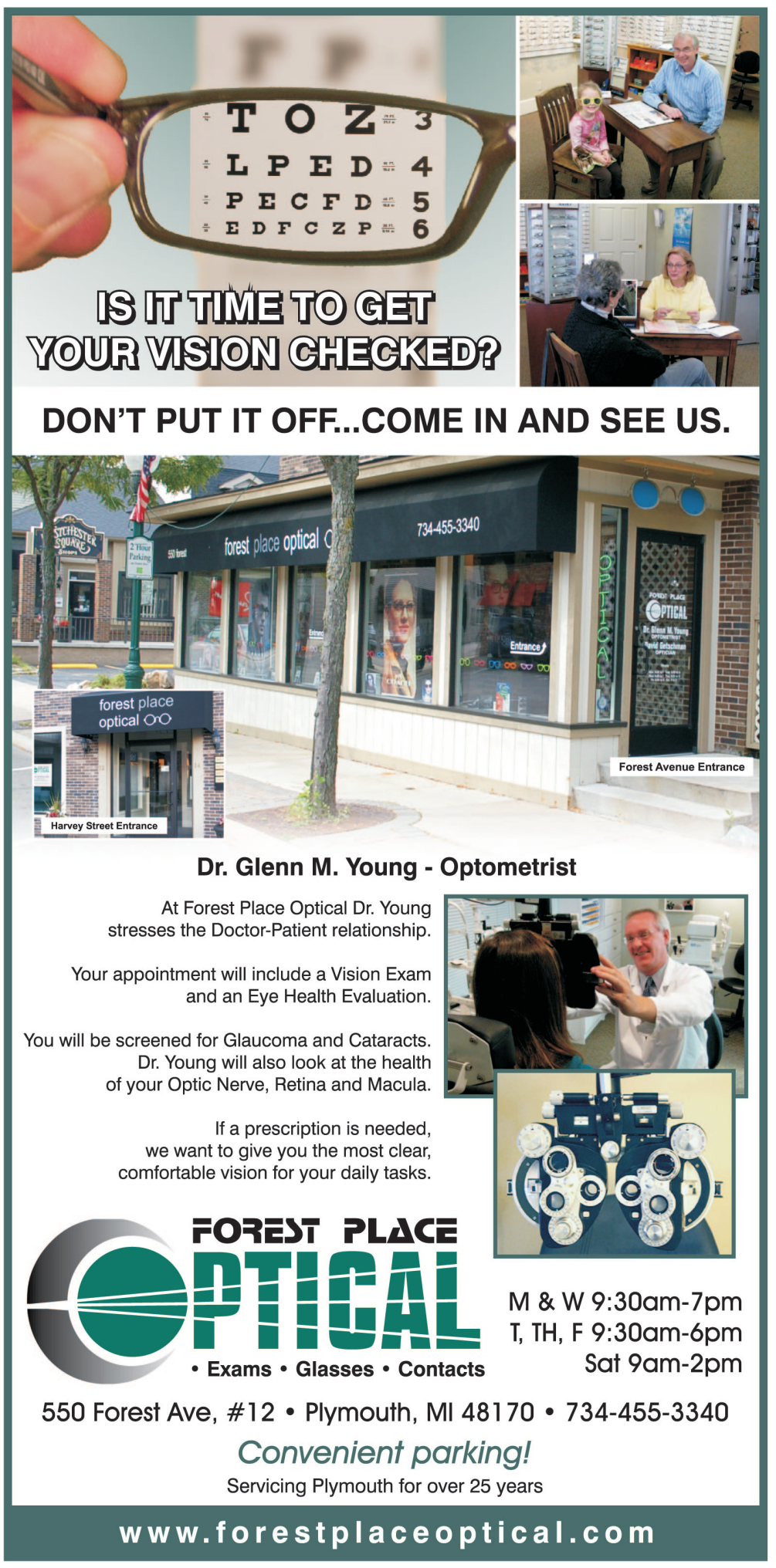
Wayne Main Street plans 'sweet' downtown shopping event

More than 150 people are expected to enjoy a "sweet" event in Wayne next week.

The Cookie Stroll, organized by Wayne Main Street, is planned for 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday May, 11.

The Cookie Stroll will begin in Derby's Alley located at 34924 W. Michigan Ave. when each Cookie Stroller will be provided with a cookie box and a map of the more than 14 participating businesses. Strollers will be invited to explore historic downtown Wayne and pick up gourmet cookies at participating businesses. An assortment of potted flowers and hanging flower baskets from Garden Fantasy Greenhouse will be available for purchase in Derby's Alley. This year, the gourmet cookies have been provided by the Wayne-Westland schools Culinary Arts Program. "The Cookie Stroll is an important event for our downtown. After hosting several successful chocolate walks, we are bringing a new and exciting event to Wayne" commented Kaitlynn Riley, Wayne Main Street board member.

Tickets to this event are $15, or four for $40. Tickets can be purchased in advance at downtownwayne.org or by calling (734) 629-6822. A limited number of tickets may be available day of the event. Proceeds from the event benefit Wayne Main Street programs and services. The event is being sponsored by the Wayne Downtown Development Authority, the Wayne Dispatch, the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, and Imperial Press.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Calendar of events

Yard sale at Lighthouse Mission

A yard sale to help fund the pantry at the Lighthouse Home Mission is planned from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. daily through Saturday, May 4.

There will be household items but no clothing for sale. All proceeds will be used to purchase food for those in need. Donations of any gently-used, non-clothing items are still being accepted.

The mission is located at 34033 Palmer Road in Westland.

Mother of All Book Sales set

The Friends of the Westland Library will host The Mother of All Book Sales.

The sale will continue from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. tomorrow, May 3 and Saturday, May 4 and will conclude with the Bag Day sale from noon until 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 5 when a bag full of books and other items will be $4.

Visitors are asked bring their own bag for purchases. Friends of the Library cloth bages will be available for sale for $3 each.

Credit cards will be accepted.

All proceeds support the William P. Faust Public Library, located at 6123 Central City Pkwy in Westland. For more information, call the library at (734) 326-6123.

Free comic books offered

The Belleville Area District Library is hosting a "Free Comic Book Day" from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday, May 4.

Drop in for a free comic book for everyone in the family. Comic books will be provided by Comic City in Canton Township.

The library is located at 167 Fourth St. in Belleville. For more information, call

(734) 699-3291

Canton Band sets concert

The Canton Concert Band will perform "Nature's Majesty", a concert of beautiful music at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 4. Nature is our most precious resource and its beauty surrounds us every day. The Canton Concert Band Spring Concert, "Nature's Majesty," is a family-friendly performance that can be enjoyed by all ages, according to conductor, Jim Blough.

"The beauty of what you see and what you hear, and your time as a family with us, will stay with you for a long time," he said.

The concert will include: "Landscapes" by Rossano Galante; "With Every Sunrise" by Robert Sheldon; "Fanfare for a Golden Sky" by Scott Boerma' "Earth and Sky" by Michael Sweeney and much more!

Tickets for the concert range from $10 - $12. Purchase tickets online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5300. Tickets can also be purchased at The Village Theater Box Office one hour prior to show time.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

For tickets or additional information, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Library hosts 23 authors

The Plymouth District Library will present the 11th Annual Author Fair from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 4. Attendees will meet 23 authors from Plymouth and surrounding communities in southeast Michigan.

The authors have written books on a wide variety of subjects for children, teens and adults - both fiction and non-fiction. Authors have been challenged to create a prize-winning display of their books for the event. Attendees will vote on the best display and the top vote-getting author will win a prize.

All authors will be selling their books to the public at the fair. Two lucky visitors to the Author Fair will also win a prize.

"This event has gained in popularity over the years," explained Marjorie Sadler, adult reference librarian and creator and coordinator of the fair. "We are contacted by authors between events and enjoy this opportunity to introduce them to each other to exchange ideas and experiences, and to the community, facilitating a relationship between local readers and local authors. What better place to do this than at the Plymouth District Library."

The library is located at 223 South Main St. in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-0750.

Art and Garden show set

The 6th Annual Art and Garden Show is set for 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. May 5 at 47947 W. Huron River Dr. in Belleville.

For more information, contact Cheryl Wagner at (734)699-9050.

Families Against Narcotics forum set

The next monthly forum for Families Against Narcotics-Northwest Wayne County Chapter, will take place from 6:30-8:30 Monday, May 6 at the Summit Banquet and Conference Center, Canton.

The presentation will include a "Multiple Pathways to Recovery Panel" which will include a panel of people from different walks of life who will discuss how they attained and maintain their recovery from alcohol and drugs.

The meeting is open to the public.

Library to host gardening expert

Gardening expert Janet Macunovich will discuss the planting and care of trees at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 7 at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St. in Belleville.

Macunovich's talk, "Plant it Well, Even When the Roots Aren't Right," is open to the public and will explain what to do to make sure a new tree can provide shade, beauty and increased property value.

For more information call (734) 699-3291.

Photographers to meet

Members of the only 3D photography club in Michigan will meet from 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 8 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road.

The program will be a presentation by Jerry Chisnell on 2D to 3D conversion techniques.

A stereo image competition will take place following a refreshment break.

The meeting is open to the public at no cost. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

For more information, visit www.Detroit3D.org, or call (248) 398-3591.

Women of Wayne is topic

Nicole Conklin and Tyler Moll will discuss the history and role of women in the City of Wayne at 7 p.m. May 9 at the Wayne Historical Museum.

The events of daily life and the contributions by significant women will be discussed. The program is free and open to the public.

The museum is located at 1 Town Square, at the corner of Main and Biddle, in Wayne.

Alzheimer's and Dementia are topics

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia will be the topic of discussion from 7-8 p.m. Thursday, May 9 at the Wayne Public Library. The discussion will include the impact of Alzheimer's; the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia; stages and risk factors; current research and treatments available for some symptoms and Alzheimer's Association resources.

The library is located at 3737 South Wayne Road in Wayne. For more information, visit library@ci.wayne.mi.us

Plymouth Canton Service Project planned

The fourth annual Greater Plymouth/Canton Service Project to benefit the Kids Coalition Against Hunger and local food pantries is set for Saturday, May 11.

As in past years, volunteers with gather to pack dried food packages at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, 650 Church St. in downtown Plymouth.

Kids Coalition Against Hunger is a humanitarian food relief organization with a mission to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the U.S. and worldwide. The food packages offer complete, balanced nutrition requiring only boiling water to serve.

On May 11, volunteers will choose a shift: 8:30-11 a.m., 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., or 12:30 to 3 p.m. For information on volunteer signup, contact Beth Meade at bmeade@cantonfoundation.org or via phone, (734) 495-1200.

This year's goal is to package 250,000 meals that day.

Youth cast presents 'Wizard'

Players from Inspire Youth Theatre will present The Wizard of Oz in May at the Westland Center for Arts.

Production of the show will include more than 30 talented youth performers. Shows are planned for 7:30 p.m. Fridays, May 10 and 17, at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. May 11 and 18 and at 3 p.m. May 12 and 19.

Tickets are priced at $15 and are available at inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com or by phone at (734) 751-7057.

Farm animals visit library

Live Farm Animals at the Library is planned from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday, May 18 at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway in Westland.

Expected visitors include a pony, donkey, goats, sheep, alpaca, bunnies, ducks, and a baby cow.

This program will be outside, so appropriate dress is recommended by organizers.

Families can also come inside to browse the library collection of books to learn more about farm animals. For more information, call Caryn R. Bartone, (734) 326-6123 ext 2844.

Mayors' Ball tickets on sale

The 6th Annual Mayors' Ball is planned for May 18 at the Belleville Yacht Club.

The event is a fundraiser benefitting the Romulus and Donahey Boys and Girls Club of southeastern Michigan and will be hosted by Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff and Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley. Formal attire is encouraged.

Tickets for the event priced at $100 per person are available by phoning (734) 320-3834.

The evening will begin with a cocktail hour from 6-7 p.m. followed by dinner and dancing and fellowship from 8:30 until 11 p.m. Silent and live auctions are planned during the evening.

The Belleville Yacht Club is located at 831 East Huron River Dr. in Belleville.

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